

to be fixed by said corporation or commission; and said commission or corporation shall be possessed of all such powers as are usually granted and pertain to corporations.

Meeting and organization.

SEC. 2. Said commission shall meet and organize as soon as possible, and at the first meeting shall elect one of their number chairman, another vice chairman and another secretary, and may elect an outsider treasurer or may consolidate the offices of secretary and treasurer, and shall direct the secretary to procure necessary books

Record books.

upon which to keep a perfect record of all dealings and transactions of said commission or corporation, and shall have the authority and right at any time to employ a superintendent or overseer and hands to do said work, and fix their compensation and date of payment of same in the name of said corporation; and shall also have the authority, in the discretion of the said commission, to contract for the whole of said work or a part of same, and to enter into contract for letting of same and the payment of said work, and to employ counsel.

Superintendent and hands.
Compensation.

Work may be let to contract.

Employment of counsel.

Estimate of lands.

SEC. 3. The said commission shall make a just estimate of all the lands along Big Long Creek and its tributaries within Gaston County and within the terminal points mentioned and designated in section one, that will in their judgment be benefited, either generally or specially, by the work proposed and contemplated to be done, and make a list of the owners of said lands with the estimated number of acres to be benefited by each owner; and in making said estimate the said commission is authorized to take into consideration and estimate all lands lying within one-half mile of the center of Big Long Creek, the measurement to be air line and at right angles to center of said creek, upon either and both sides of said creek, and upon all tributaries of Big Long Creek, extending up said tributaries from the point where same empties into Big Long Creek for a distance of one and one-half mile, and all lands upon said tributaries and within one-fourth of a mile of the center of said tributary streams, measured at right angles and air line from center of said tributary streams, on both and either sides of same, and shall be measured and estimated, and said commission shall make a just estimate of all lands on Big Long Creek and its tributaries, within the radius prescribed and limits herein defined, as in their judgment will be benefited, either generally or specially, and both, by the work to be done, and make a list of the owners of said lands, with the number of acres to be benefited by each owner; and in making said estimate may take into consideration the special benefits to any one or more landowners to be derived by same, and assess said landowner or owners a larger amount in accordance with the special benefits. Said commission is further authorized and empowered to employ a competent engineer to do such surveying as is necessary and desired by said commission and as may be required by this act. That the boundary as herein described be and the same is established as a drainage district.

Lists of land-owners.
Extent of estimate.

Estimate of special benefits.

Employment of engineer.

Drainage district.